

October 2, 2013

RE: Rhode Island Recreation Acquisition & Development Grants

I am pleased to announce the Department of Environmental Management will be accepting applications for ***Rhode Island Recreation Acquisition and Development Grants*** beginning October 15, 2013. Three (3) grant programs will be available for application:

- 1. Large Grants: greater than \$75,000 maximum grant award \$400,000**
 - 2. Small Grants: less than \$75,000**
 - 3. Historic/Passive Park Grants: maximum grant award \$100,000**
- The Large and Small Grants will provide up to 50% funding to municipalities to acquire, develop or renovate outdoor recreation facilities.
 - The Historic/Passive Park Grants will provide up to 90% funding to municipalities to restore, renovate or develop historic and/or passive parks.

The application period for grant submissions will be from October 14, 2013 to November 29, 2013. The grant awards will be announced in January 2014. All grant applications will be reviewed and scored by the Rhode Island Recreation Resources Review Committee according to the Rules and Regulations for the program. The highest scoring grant applications will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Environmental Management for review and approval. The grants will be awarded from the Rhode Island Open Space Bond Authorizations of 2010 and 2012.

Grant applications, rules and regulations and the application processes are available from:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Division of Planning and Development
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

or from the DEM web site (www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/grants.htm)
If you need additional information please call Mr. Joseph Dias, Chief, Division of Planning and Development at 222-2776 extension 4301 or email joe.dias@dem.ri.gov.

***Sincerely,
Joseph G. Dias
Chief***